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REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed on March 10, 2006, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 14 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite; rejected claims 1-5 and 13-20 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,826,699 to Sun; rejected claims 7-8 and 10-12 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sun in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. US2003/0067558 to Shintani et al.; and rejected claim 9 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sun in view of Shintani and U.S. Patent No. 6,359,655 to Van Vignau et al. In addition, the Examiner indicated claim 6 contains allowable subject matter.

Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 14 and 15 to remove the reference to IEEE-1394. This amendment renders the 35 U.S. 112, second paragraph, rejection moot.

In addition, Applicant has also amended independent claims 1, 14 and 15 to include more information about the discovering aspect of those claims. Sun, the primary reference relied upon by the Examiner, does not perform any discovery process let alone the discovery process presently claimed. For at least this reason, independent claims 1, 14 and 15 are allowable over the cited prior art.

In addition, dependent claims 2-5, 7-13 and 16-20 are also allowable due to the dependence on an allowable base claim.

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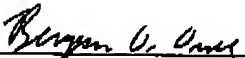
CONCLUSION

No fees are believed due for this response. However, the Office is authorized to charge any additional fees or underpayments of fees (including fees for petitions for extensions of time) under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 to account number 502117. Any overpayments should be credited to the same account.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application, withdrawal of the rejections made in the last Office Action and the issuance of a Notice of Allowance. The Applicant's representative can be reached at the below telephone number if the Examiner has any questions.

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